GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on crime against children;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether more than 50 per cent of children have experienced some form of sexual abuse;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has asked the States/UTs to strictly implement the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (d): Yes Madam. The major statistics/observations of the report 'Study on Child Abuse: India, 2007'are placed at Annex-I.

The Government in the Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) from 2009-10, for the welfare of children in need of care and protection. All States/Union Territories, except Jammu & Kashmir, have signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry to implement the Scheme. To protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation, 'the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 has come into force from 14th November, 2012.

Further, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights was constituted in 2007 under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 to protect the rights of children. Seventeen States have also set up the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

(e) & (f): All States/Union Territories except Jammu and Kashmir have been requested to implement the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, including designation of Special courts, appointment of Special Public Prosecutor, provision for compensation of victims, publicity and awareness creation, provision of training, mechanism for monitoring the implementation of provisions of the Act, and establishment of Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU).